(c) the details of the plans drawn up if any, for the period of the Seventh Five Year Plan for increasing indigenous production of petrol and petroleum products for attaining self-sufficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) 38.59 million tonnes.

(b) 41.55 million tonnes.

(c) It is proposed to increase the production of crude oil during the Seventh Plan period in addition to creating additional refining capacity. Efforts are also being made to conserve petroleum products to reduce the need for import of deficit products to the minimum.

Cost of Postage Stamps

2250. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is total cost including printing and paper cost of ordinary postage stamps; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in the case of shortage of stamps of different denominations people have to use more than one stamp which increases the cost of stamps to be borne by the Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The total cost including printing and paper cost of ordinary (definitive) postage stamps is as under:—

	Paise per stamp
(i) 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 50 paise denomination stamps. . .	0.6
(ii) 100 and 200 paise denomination postage stamps	0.85
(iii) 225, 280, 325, 500 and 1000 paise denomination postage stamps .	1.2

(b) Efforts are made to make available the postage stamps in all the necessary denominations. However, in some isolated cases where stamps in a particular denomination may not be available due to some reason or the other public may have to use more than one stamp.

Oil Selection Board

2251. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ABIDI ALLAHABADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an oil Selection Board was set up in his Ministry under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Janki Maa for northern India about two years ago;

(b) if so, what is the number of selections made by this Board for gas agency, petrol tanks, diesel tanks and Kerosene oil agencies etc. during the last two years; and

(c) what is the number of persons belonging to Muslim community who have been given the above licences during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Since the formation of Oil Selection Board (North) in April, 1983, headed by Justice Janaki Amma (Retired), 567 selections have been finalised by the Board for the oil industry till date for LPG, Petrol/Diesel and Kerosene dealerships.

(c) Details pertaining to religion are not asked for in the application form. Hence this information is not maintained.